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(b) what sophisticated weapons naxalites have and whether they have rocket launchers also, as the tribals alleged in Bastar; and

(c) how many tribal boys and girls have joined naxals in Gumla and Simdega districts of Jharkhand during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Number of persons (civilians & security personnel) killed by the naxalites in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand during the last two years are as under:—

Year	Chhattisgarh	Jharkhand
2005	168	119
2006 (till 30.11.2006)	374	101

(b) As per available reports, naxalites possess sophisticated weapons like SLRs, carbines, AK-series rifles and a few LMGs and INSAS rifles and other arms including. 303,.410 muskets, revolvers/pistols mostly snatched or looted from police/security forces as well as regular and country-made weapons of various makes and calibers. CPI (Maoist) is also reported to have improvised rockets and grenade launchers as well as anti-personnel/ vehicle landmines.

(c)As per the information provided by the Government of Jharkhand, in the last three years, about 150 boys and girls joined naxalites, of whom about 25 joined from Simdega and Gumla districts.

Maoist Movement in Orissa

2338. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maoist movement has started its tentacles in Orissa during last several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Maoists have plans to infiltrate into Government services also; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to solve the Maoist problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) & (b) Naxal activities in certain Southern parts of Orissa bordering Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have been noticed since mid Eighties. Similar-activities have also been seen in parts of some Northern districts across West Bengal and Jharkhand in late Nineties.

(c) No such information has come to the notice of the Government.

(d) The Central and State Governments have been pursuing a multi-pronged strategy to address the naxal problem on political, security and development fronts. While effective and sustained police action is taken individually and jointly by the States to counter the naxal violence, the naxal affected States have also been asked to improve delivery and monitoring mechanisms to ensure accelerated development in the naxal affected areas. The Central Government continues to coordinate and supplement the efforts and resources of the State Government on both security and development fronts to meet the challenge posed by the naxal problem.

Untraceable Report on Stampede in Jagannath Temple

2339. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa Government is unable to Trace Judicial Commission Report on 1993 stampede at Lord Jagannath Temple in Puri;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Central Government had taken up the issue with the State Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Government of Orissa has informed that the report of the Commission of Inquiry consisting of justice Shri J.N. Mohapatra enquiring into the incident of stampede at Lord Jagannath Temple, Puri during 1993 has not been traced out despite